HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL RVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS SHINGTON, D.C. 20231, ON THE DATE INDICATED BELOW. **PATENT** IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re: Patent Application of : Group Art Unit: 1745 Kazuhito Hatoh et al. Conf. No.: 8925 Examiner: Jonathan Crepeate
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DER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) Appln. No.: 09/719,526 Filed: December 13, 2000 For: POLYMER ELECTROLYTE FUEL CELL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to and including January 21, 2003 (as January 18th is a Saturday and January 20th is a federal holiday), for responding to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2002 (Paper No. 5). A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition. [X]A check in the amount of \$930.00 is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. [X] 210059.0368) as noted below. A duplicate copy is enclosed. Extension fee in the amount of \$.00. [X] Any deficiencies or overpayments in the above-calculated fee. Respectfully submitted, KAZUHITO HATOH ET AL. Bv: Registration No. 50,524 AKIN, GUMP, STRAUSS, HAUER & FELD, L.L.P. One Commerce Square 01/27/2003 NMOHAMM1 00000104 09719526 2005 Market Street - Suite 2200 01 FC:1253 930.00 OP Philadelphia, PA 19103-7086 Telephone: (215) 965-1200 Direct Dial: (215) 965-1246 Facsimile: (215) 965-1210 E-Mail: wyoungblood@akingump.com

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